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HELSINKI FOR USDEL MPT

SUMMARY. AT MARCH 14 MEETING, SENIOR POLADS HEARD REPORT BY CHAIRMAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON STATUS ECONADS CSCE STUDIES. SEVERAL MEMBERS SHOWED ANTICIPATED OPPOSITION TO SUGGESTION THAT ECONADS ATTEMPT EVEN INTERNAL REDRAFT OF EXISTING NATO MANDATES. SPC AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT ECONADS SHOULD EXAMINE EASTERN AND NEUTRALS' MANDATE PROPOSALS IN EFFORT ASCERTAIN WHICH ELEMENTS MIGHT BE EVENTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO NATO. ECONADS WILL TAKE UP THIS PROJECT MARCH 20 AND POSSIBLY MARCH 23. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONADS CHAIRMAN (LAULAN) ADVISED SPC THAT WORK ON THREE PAPERS (ORDER OF PRIORITY AMONG PROPOSALS, POSSIBLE DRAFT DECLARATION, AND ENVIRONMENT PAPER) WAS COMPLETED. COMMITTEE AGREED EXAMINE PAPERS AROUND APRIL 1. TURNING TO QUESTION OF MANDATE, LAULAN EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT ECONADS SHOULD REEXAMINE MANDATE IN ORDER KEEP PACE WITH MPT DEVELOPMENTS. HE STRESSED THAT ECONADS MUST INTENSIFY
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EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON SOVIET/ EE STATEMENTS ON SECOND AGENDA ITEM, NOTING IN THIS CONNECTION BELGIAN REPORT ON

ZORIN- FORTHOMME CONVERSATION (SEPTTEL).

2. US REP WELCOMED SUGGESTION THAT ECONADS CLOSELY FOLLOW MPT DEVELOPMENTS. CANADIAN REP EXPRESSED FAMILIAR FEARS THAT NATO WORK FALLING BEHIND HELSINKI DEVELOPMENTS AND SUGGESTED THAT AFTER ANALYSIS SUGGESTED BY US REP, ECONADS TAKE NEW LOOK AT NATO MANDATE. ITALIAN REP DISAGREED AND ARGUED THAT ANY REDRAFTING OF MANDATE MUST AWAIT MORE EXTENSIVE SOVIET/ EE COMMENTS ON EXISTING NATO MANDATE. STEPPING BACK SOMEWHAT, LAULAN AGREED WITH ITALIAN POSTION BUT SUGGESTED THAT FOLLOWING ANALYSIS OF POSITIONS TAKEN BY OTHER SIDE REDRAFTING OF MANDATE MIGHT BE USEFUL, NETHERLANDS REP SUPPORTED ITALIAN POSITION.

3. WHILE SUPPORTING ITALIAN POSITION, FRENCH REP SUGGESTED THAT ECONADS TAKE " PROGRESSIVE APPROACH" WHICH HE DEFINED AS FIRST EXAMINING POSITIONS OF OTHER MPT PARTICIPANTS AND THEN, ON BASIS THIS ANALYSIS, MOVING TO REDRAFT OF MANDATE. NORWEGIAN REP ACCEPTED THIS APPROACH BUT SUGGESTED THAT THERE SEVERAL OTHER PROPOSALS IN " BASKET" TWO WHICH CONTAINED ELEMENTS NATO MEMBERS COULD ACCEPT. US REP AGREED AND PROPOSED THAT ECONADS GIVE PARTICULARLY CLOSE ATTENTION TO PROPOSALS BY NEUTRALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY CONTAINED SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WE COULD ADOPT. FRENCH REP AGREED BUT AGAIN STRESSED THAT REDRAFT OF MANDATE WOULD BE PREMATURE. CANADIAN REP SAID HE ASSUMED CAUTIOUS APPROACH ADOPTED IN BRUSSELS WOULD ALSO BE FOLLOWED IN HELSINKI.

4. IN FURTHER STEP AWAY FROM INITIAL POSITION, LAULAN EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH REP' S POSITION THAT REDRAFT OF MANDATE WOULD BE PREMATURE. GOING FURTHER, LAULAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE GREAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATO MANDATE TABLED BY BELGIAN DELEGATION AND SOVIET " TASKS" SINCE SOVIETS HAD ONLY TWO IDEAS, NON- DISCRIMINATION AND SUPPORT FOR PAN-EUROPEAN PROJECTS. ON THIS BASIS, LAULAN SAID, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO REACH " JOINT POINT OF DEPARTURE" IN HELSINKI.

5. SUMMING UP, SPC CHAIRMAN SAID ECONADS WOULD URGENTLY STUDY SOVIET/ EE AND NEUTRAL PROPOSALS IN VIEW FACT MPT WOULD SOON REACH " BASKET" TWO. ECONADS WILL MEET ON THIS SUBJECT MARCH 20 AND POSSIBLY MARCH 23. RUMSFELD
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